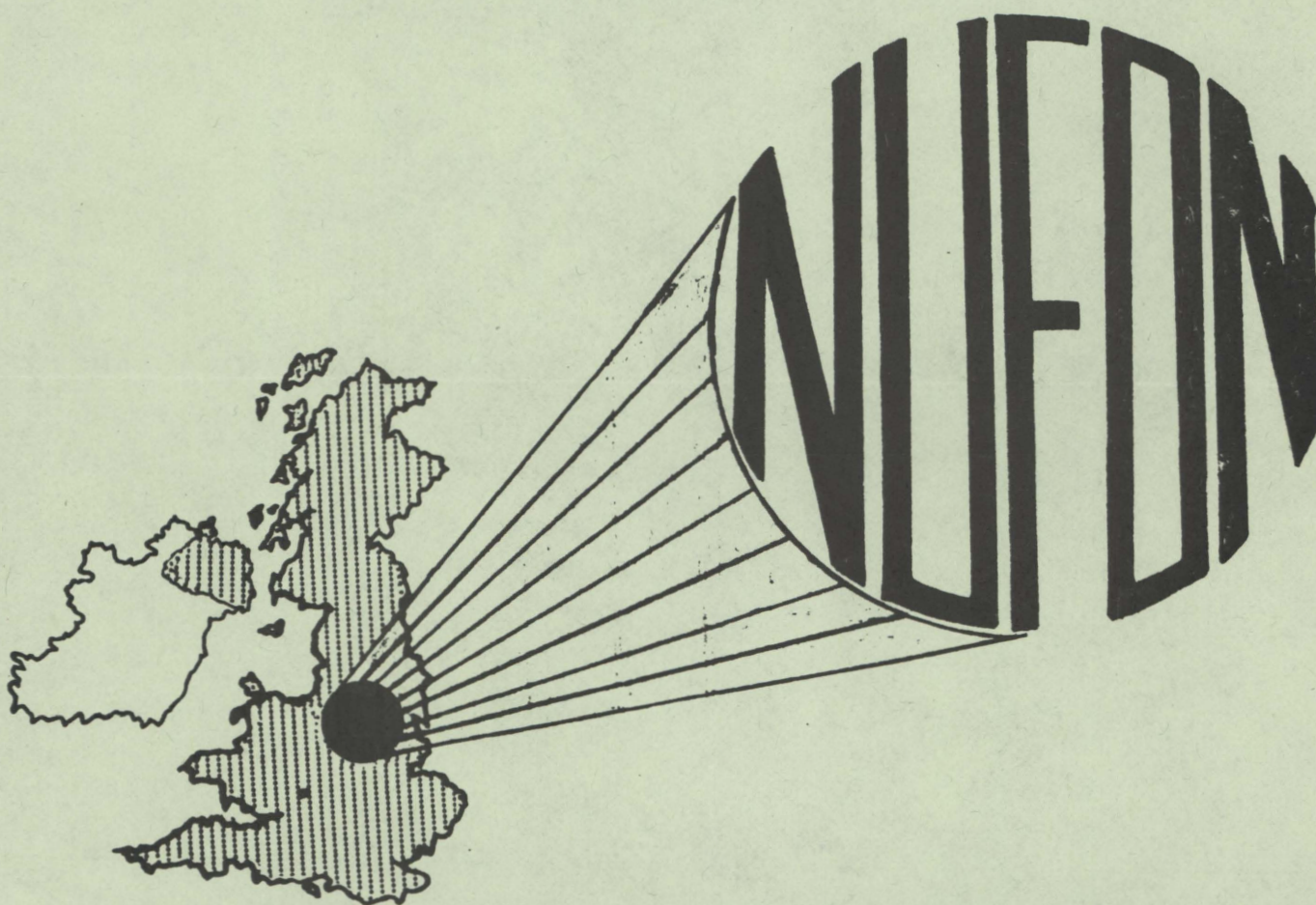


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EDITORIAL: "One piece of the jigsaw" (with Bernard Delair, CONTACT UK)

The job of NUFON, and principally this newsletter, is to keep you informed in as comprehensive a fashion as possible about UFO activity in Northern Britain. Much of the reported material has an identification assigned to it, and in many instances that is all there is to be said about it. But because our viewpoint is confined to one small part of the world we only see one piece of the jigsaw. It is interesting to look at the results when we fit a few more together.

Of course, because of the existence of this network it is often possible to correlate regional sightings together - often with important consequences. It may provide co-operation, or it may provide an explanation. CONTACT, being an international organisation, receive data worldwide and they can sometimes put in the final pieces to make the jigsaw whole. Below are some possible correlations noted by Bernard Delair based upon reports in the November, 1978 issue (no 54)

- 18 Jan Report from Haslington, Cheshire..... Exactly similar LITS seen in Canada and USA that evening. Also skyblasts heard in Nova Scotia, Ontario, S Carolina
 - 23 Apr Report from Burbage, Leicestershire... the day before a 'Sasquatch' like creature was seen on the edge of the same wooded area involved.
 - 26 May Halifax, West Yorkshire airship..... Seen over Pole Hill and many similar objects seen over Pole Hill near Chingford, Essex... a name coincidence?
 - 27 Aug Red ball seen at Aberdovey, Wales... conclusion of balloon may be wrong as similar phenomenon seen in Belgium (8mins later) & Switzerland (22 mins)
 - 7 Sep Report of object identified as balloon over Matlock/Chapletown occurred same day as UFO blizzard in the Americas (100 reports known)
 - 14 Sep Report identified as meteor from Chell Heath, Staffs and Grimsby coincided with some reports of blue/green spheres from Italy, Brazil, Sicily & USA.
- All reports relate to 1978

Some of these correlations are, of course, most interesting and I hope that Bernard will be able to supply more in the future. It does prove how difficult it is for anybody to study the UFO phenomenon in isolation - be that as an individual locally or as a group nationally. It proves the need for coordination on a level such as NUFON provides, and an international overlap such as CONTACT provides.

The problem ties in well with the ideas expressed by Ken Philips (see NUN 55). He suggests that there might be correlations between transient local phenomena (UFO sightings) and large scale energy releases on a world basis. The idea is worth examining and whilst a part of this is looking for 'Ufocals' - areas where UFO events occur frequently - it is but a part and the world view must never be neglected, as it so often is.

THE NUFON LECTURE PROGRAMME..... FEBRUARY 24th 1979

Fuller details are now available. The timetable is as follows:-

- 1.00 - 2.00 Open forum meeting on any NUFON matters
- 2.00 - 2.30 "The Llanercymedd Landings".... FUFOR present a report on the multi witness CE3 case from Anglesey, September 1st 1978
- 2.30 - 3.15 "Repeater Witnesses", Jenny Randles (Why do some people see UFOs)
- 3.15 - 3.30 Refreshment break (these will be available).
- 3.30 - 4.30 "UFOs, sightings and perception", Peter Warrington (illustrated)
- 4.30 - 5.30 Open forum question time on general UFO topics.

Venue: Crewe Civic Centre Library in the town centre For directions Tel: Crewe 582359

Welcome to the first issue of the NUN for 1979... the magazine will be five years old in May. How did you like Northern Ufology last month? I'd like your comments. FUFOR published the first issue of UFO INSIGHT last November. A good read it was too. I especially enjoyed the article by David Sydeserff of SMIC and UFOIN on the political awareness of the UFO problem. Issue 2 is out soon and Mark Tyrell (editor) still is looking out for contributions for future issues. UFOSIS tell me that they have an exhibition planned for Birmingham in April. Mark Pritchard, BUFORA RIC and UFOIN member, is editing their magazine PROTEUS, and it is hoped to bring this out more frequently. CHRYSIS tell me that they hope to bring related phenomena into their magazine CHRYSIS 79. The next issue is to contain an article on ley lines and their relationship to UFOs. PULSE announce that they hope to relaunch their magazine PULSAR later in the year. They are on the lookout now for advertisers. There's a new group to report too this month. Called NLUFOIG (North Lancs UFO Investigation Group) they meet regularly in Morecambe and Lancaster and cover North Lancs and Cumbria. Their address is:- Gordon Barraclough 8 Beulah Ave, Morecambe, Lancashire. Keep your dates open in August. BUFORA are staging their next conference at the Mount Royal Hotel, Marble Arch, central London on bank holiday weekend Aug 26/27. No details yet of costs, but they have apparently worked out a combined rail fare - hotel - conference packet. It is billed as the 'first' European UFO conference and Dr. J. Allen Hynek is to be booked as the guest speaker.

American researcher Tom Lind is in need of British UFO Publications and is willing to pay. He is compiling a major catalogue of UFO literature and thought. If you can help write to:- Box 711 Hobe Sound Florida 33455 USA. You CE3K fans watch out for "Close Encounter Holograms". They show the mother ship, devil's tower and one of the aliens looking on. For more information write to:- Illusions Unlimited PO Box 2597 Department 1000 Canoga Park Ca 91306 USA

Two deaths to sadly announce. Gavin Gibbons, involved in the Roostenberg case at Ranton, Staffs in 1954 and author of several books on the subject in the 1950's. Also Jacques Bergier, who amongst others wrote 'Morning of the Magicians'.

If you have any UFO magazines to sell I am interested..... See you in Crewe Feb 24th.

Final plans are being drawn up by Graham Hall of HAPI, in consultation with NUFON, for the publication (planned to commence mid March) of a monthly four page newsletter "Midlands UFOLOG". This will be totally compatible with the data sections of NUN, to include all cases from the east midlands area. More details will be announced shortly, but this will take some strain off this newsletter. High S-P cases from the area will still be featured in NUN.

UFOs AND THE HOUSE OF LORDS..... On Thursday, January 18 1979 between 7.10 and 10.30 pm the House of Lords, led by Earl Clancarty (Brinsley Le Poer Trench) debated UFOs and the need for a government study. 14 speakers, mostly favourable, took part and whilst the transcript in Hansard shows that the debate was lively and informed no positive progress was made. The government spokesman pointed out that money was not presently available for such a study. The Aetherius Society have sent me some information claiming that they supplied most of the research for the speakers (God help us and them!) They have now started a petition that they want all ufologists to sign ask for the release of all secret UFO information. Many people have views about the efficacy of the Aetherians but if you want a copy of the petition I have three that anyone can have or write to 757 Fulham Road London SW6 5UU.

THAT DECEMBER 31st 'UFO'..... New Year certainly came in with a bang. What with the film from New Zealand and literally hundreds of UFO reports bursting upon us that night. Initially most people viewed the object seen at around 7.05pm as a bright fireball meteor but the reports show this is impossible. We have 43 independent reports from all over the North and Midlands (virtually every county). Times vary between 6.45 and 7.30 but most centre on 7 - 7.15. The UFO was large, cylindrical, silver, with a row of blue 'windows' on the side. An orange/pink trail was behind it. It flew parallel and silent at 20 degree elevation for a time that seems to have been reliably as much as 10 minutes in parts where there was a wide expanse of sky. Several still shots and at least one piece of movie film were taken, showing the object as described. Officially it was the re-entry of COSMOS 1068's booster rocket. We are watching developments of this 'explanation' which may well be acceptable.

MRS H AND THE LITTLE GREEN MEN..... Many of you may have heard on radio or TV or seen in the media about Mrs Jean Hingley of Rowley Regis, West Midlands. She claims that at 6.45am on January 4 three entities with a silver suit and green wings flew into her kitchen (from a landed UFO) and had a discussion with her about her Xmas tree. They then drank a glass of water each and were offered (but did not eat) some mince pies. The story is a lot more complex than the media made out and landing marks in the snow were seen and photographed. There are also two other interesting encounters known already for Jan 4th. Full investigation is being conducted by UFOSIS and UFORA under the supervision of Mark Pritchard and Martin Keatman. Full report to follow.

A VERY EARLY CASE Ian Cresswell has made a discovery of another UK airship sighting from the 1913 wave. I quote from the Morecambe Visitor for 5.3.1913..... "....a gentleman called in the visitor office yesterday and declared that he had seen a strange object hovering around the Winter Gardens (seafront facing north- IC) and travelling in the direction of Lancaster (West-East - IC). He assured us that it was not the Morecambe lights for they were all out at that time (ie about midnight or early AM - IC). We accepted the story but pointed out that other men quite as capable as himself of seeing sights late at night had been deceived. He maintained, however, that he heard a distinct noise like the whirring of the engine of an aeroplane... another gentleman informed us the other night he saw a remarkable light in the west and called the attention of others to it. Others have noticed a bright light in the sky but have not rushed into our office to say that the German invasion is upon us. The fact is that the planet Venus is unusually bright just now."

LOW DEFINITION ACTIVITY

Ref	Date	Time	Place	Remarks	Group	Level	Evaluation
76-159	August	01.45	Huyton, Msyside	White LITS (1sec)	WUFOS	C	Meteor
78-166	Jan	00.00	Prenton, Msyside	Silv LITS (2min)	WUFOS	C	Insuff data
78-172	Jun 1	00.45	St Helens, Msyside	Or LITS (5 min)	WUFOS	C	Insuff data
78-176	Aug 20	21.40	Washington, Durham	Many R & W LITS	CHRYSIS	C	Insuff data
78-177	Sep 4	05.15	Broughton, Clwyd	White LITS (3min)	FABURG	E	Insuff data
78-178	Sep 9	20.50	New Marske, Cleveland	2 W LITS	CHRYSIS	C	Insuff data
78-180	Sep 16	21.15	Caverswall, Staffs	R & G LITS (3min)	UFORA	C	Prob Aircraft
78-181	Sep 27	21.45	Welshpool, Powys	Y LITS (10m +)	UFOSIS	C	Poss Star
78-182	Oct 1	20.45	Stone, Staffs	W LITS (3 min)	UFORA	D	Prob Aircraft
78-185	Oct 18	22.45	Stone, Staffs	Y LITS (10 sec)	BUFORA	C	Prob Aircraft
78-187	Nov 1	18.40+	Walsall, W Mid (3 rep)	Y LITS (40 sec)	UFORA	B	Insuff data
78-189	Nov 20	22.40	Gainsborough, Lincs	W LITS	SUFORS	E	Star
78-190	Nov 21	21.00	Birmingham, W. Mid	3 LITS R, W, G	UFOSIS	C	Aircraft
78-192	Nov 26	18.00	Nuneaton, Wrks	2 LITS W	UFOSIS	C	Insuff data
78-193	Nov 30	23.30	Studley, Wrks	2 LITS W & G	UFOSIS	C	Insuff data
78-194	Late Nov	01.35	Colwyn Bay, Clwyd	Red LITS (2 sec)	M Roberts	A	Meteor
78-196	Dec 12	16.20	Willaston, Msyside	W LITS (1 min+)	WUFOS	B	Prob Star
7903	Jan 4	16.45	Biddulph, Staffs	W LITS (2min)	UFORA	C	Insuff data
7905	Jan 5	17.45	Blythe Bidge, Staffs	6 R LITS (1min)	UFORA	C	Poss birds
7907	Jan 16	21.05	Tarleton, Lancs	W LITS (3min)	MUFORA	B	Aircraft

5814 Unknown 1958 early pm Crissington Park, Liverpool, Merseyside WUFOS Lev C (Red light that pulsated and moved around in a triangular pattern. Hovered 5 mins. Then moved very fast out over Mersey estuary and circled. Then shot away..... UNKNOWN)

78-168 March 1978 22.00 Milton, Staffs BUFORA Level A (Large white headlight seen by 3 witnesses to pass close and low. Totally silent. As it passed seemed to be 'windows' in side. 2 minute duration..... UNKNOWN)

Low definition cases 23 Insuff data (10) Aircraft (5) Star (3)
Meteor (2) Birds (1)
UNKNOWN (2) = 8.7%

MEDIUM DEFINITION ACTIVITY

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
4401	Unknown	20.00	Fleetwood, Lancs	B. Cigar (3sec)	FAPURG	C	Metecr
5813	Unknown	16.00	Burnley, Lancs	S. Sphere (5min)	FAPURG	C	Pos Balloon
6913	Sept	21.50	Hull, N. Humber	W. Ball (Secs)	SUFORS	C	Pos Metecr
7019	June	12.00	Wythenshawe, G Mcr	3 Silv balls	MUFORA	C	Insuff data
7020	Unknown	24.00	Barlaston, Staffs	3 W balls (2min)	UFORA	B	Pos Aircraft
7130	Nov	02.00	Moreton, Msyside	7 Red streaks	WUFOS	C	Insuff data
75-156	Unknown	16.00	Mawdesley, Lancs	Black cigar	WUFOS	C	Insuff data
77-303	May 24	23.05	Erdington, W Mid	3 G ovals (5sec)	UFOSIS	C	Pos Meteor
77-304	Sep 6	21.45	Wistaston, Chesh	Pink ball (Secs)	FUFOR	A	Pos Meteor
77-305	Oct	18.30	Flint, Clwyd	Grey Egg (1min)	UFORA	A	Insuff data
77-307	Nov 18	20.00	Bowness, Cumbria	Red disc (30sec)	NLUFOIG	C	Insuff data
78-167	Feb 22	late pm	Nefyn, Gwynedd	Or oval (30m +)	M. Roberts	A	Prcl Moon
78-169	Mar 5	22.20	Bradfield Grn, Ch	Or ball (15sec)	FUFOR	C	Insuff data
78-170	Mar 31	23.30	Crewe, Cheshire	W Cigar (10m +)	FUFOR	A	Insuff data
78-175	Aug 7	23.15	Ovington, Northumb	Black oval	UFCSIS	B	Insuff data
78-179	Sep 13	16.05	Stone, Staffs	Black oval	UFORA	A	Pos Aircraft
78-183	Oct 2	19.15	Kingstanding, W M	7 triangles G&O	UFOSIS	C	Insuff data
78-184	Oct 7	01.10	Porthill, Staffs	Cigar + O/G LITS	UFORA	C	Pos Aircraft
78-186	Oct 23	23.00	Dudley, W. Mid	Cigar (5 sec)	UFORA	C	Prob Meteor
78-188	Nov 1	17.25	Stafford, Staffs	Cigar + 6 R LITS	UFORA	A	Insuff data
78-197	Dec 18	18.20	St Helens, Msyside	2 black cones	WUFOS	C	Prob balloons
78-198	Dec 26	17.45	Sheldon, W Mid	Sil dome (5sec)	UFOSIS	C	Insuff data
7906	Jan 9	08.28	Staffs (2 ind rep)	Gold cigar	UFORA	C	Insuff data
7908	Jan 18	17.10	Baguley, Gtr Mcr	Red oval (10m+)	MUFORA	B	Pos Optical

Medium Definition Cases 35 Insuff data (12) Meteor (5)
 Aircraft (3) Balloon (2)
 Moon (1) Optical Reflection (1)
 UNKNOWN 11 = 31% (see below & P.5)

Winter 1947 22.00 Coventry, West Midlands UAPROL (Inv: Trevor Thornton)
 Man & wife (then aged about 30) saw red oval approach house fast. Afraid it would strike it. Hovered in the NNE, elevation 75, for 2 minutes then accelerated upwards in a vertical plane at fantastic speed and was gone in seconds..... (4702) Lev C

Unknown 1962 00.30 West Bromwich, W Midlands UFOSIS (Inv: Ted Horton)
 Woman (then 42) saw very large egg shape out of window. It hovered (direction not known) at elevation 40. It was metallic with a green haze around it and a red light on the front underside. Stationary 20 minutes. Looked away to wake her husband and on looking back the object had vanished (6209) Lev C

Aug 16 1971 14.30 Church Stretton, Salop FAPURG (Inv: Bryan Hartley)
 Elderly couple (then 67/68) on caravan site on hot, sunny day. Looked up for no real reason and at 90 elevation was flat 'plate' with dome on top. Colour grey/white. Apparant size of a dinner plate at arms length. Hovered silently 15 minutes then shot away southwards at incredible speed..... (7129) Lev C

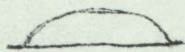
August 1976 20.00+ Chesterton, Staffs UFORA (Inv: Martin Keatman)
 18 yr old and girlfriend went to site of earlier bushfire in an isolated spot. The sky was blue but darkening. Getting out of car he saw a yellowy light rise from woods in a 'rising leaf motion'. After some seconds she saw that he was looking at it hovering. It moved from the E, elevation 20, towards them - rising to elevation 60 (estimated height 30 feet). Now clearly seen as flat bottomed oval with yellow lights on side and two white beams at front that pulsed every two seconds. Back in car he flashed headlights at it wherupon it turned into an orange ball and 'folded into itself' completely disappearing. Duration 3 minutes..... (76-160) Lev A



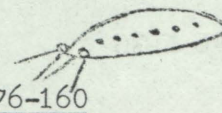
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76-160

Nov 8 1977 09.35 Rowley Regis, West Midlands (UFOSIS Inv: Mark Pritchard)
Paul Johnson runs a butchers shop. He was just opening when he saw a strange object glowing brilliantly at 310 bearing, 35 elevation. It moved very fast and he had to walk around the back to follow it. As it passed over it was seen as a silver 'tennis bat' or 'canoe paddle'. It stopped dead at bearing 220, elevation 55 - shuddering a few times before it did. It then turned on its axis completely (90 degrees) and shot away very fast in a southerly direction..... (77-306) Level A

Jun 16 1978 23.00 Oulton, Staffs UFORA (Inv: Martin Keatman)
Teenager walking along dark lanes in pouring rain heard a very loud voice, like a newsreader talking nonsense. It rose and fell and after five seconds fell away. There were no houses in the area. A few seconds later to his right in the grounds of a convent he saw a vertical beam of solid light on the ground, measuring 3 x 2 mtrs. After watching it for a few seconds he ran away..... (78-172) Level A

Jul 9 1978 16.00 Foar Oaks, West Midlands UFOSIS (Inv: John Leadbetter)
Two young boys saw a strange object over a tree at the bottom of garden. Alerted to it by a whispering/rustling noise. Cigar with a small dome on top, coloured silver. 3-4 portholes on the dome and a flashing light on top. Hovered 45 seconds, glowing incandescently and then shot off NE at tremendous speed..... (78-174) Level A

Nov 22 1978 23.00 Weoley Castle, West Midlands UFOSIS (Inv: Ted Horton)
23 year old man returning home saw a hazy light at 60 elevation in the N. He estimated height as that of 25 story block of flats. Hovering it appeared as a spinning top resting on its point - 20-25 feet long and 12-15 feet wide. It then tilted and descended, the bottom half rotating clockwise and the top half glowing blue. It descended a little, rose again and then took off fast NE, disappearing in seconds. Total duration 3-5 minutes. He tried to call out immediately from a call-box immediately adjacent but it would not work. At 12.00 next day it was found to be working normally, but it could have had a normal fault..... (78-191) Level B

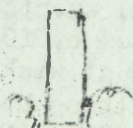
Dec 9 1978 23.15 North Stoke, Staffs UFORA (Inv: Alan Beard)
Two reports of the same phenomena received independantly via Jodrell Bank. A man & girlfriend travelling the A34 near Kidsgrove saw a rainbow arch of pale white light (7-8 times as thick as a vapour trail). It hovered SSE for a few minutes then moved off E growing slightly smaller. It faded out when the size of a handspan at arms length. At Tunstall a man and wife (with dog) saw the arch (described as a searchlight beam that started and ended nowhere). It was at 30 degrees to the horizontal, then straightened and moved slightly from S to SSE. It was in view 15 minutes before they left it. Conditions were not favourable for vapour trails..... (78-195) Level B

Jan 4 1979 00.00 Culcheth, Lancs MUFORA (Inv: Peter Hcugh)
After dropping off a friend 33 year old man was driving along country lanes when he saw a 'star' approach. This moved fast towards his car. Fearing it was going to hit him, he stopped and got out - running about 100 feet along lane. Object was now huge triangle with blinding lights on each corner, 150 feet wide. It hovered over field (about 100 feet up) then took off NE to Leigh. No sound heard..... (7902) Level B

Jan 4 1979 17.15 Newcastle, Staffs UFORA (Inv: Alan Beard & Derek James)
Mrs D was closing the garage door when a white light played on it. Looking round she heard a faint 'buzzing'. Hovering between roofs opposite was a spinning top size of a 10p piece at arms length. It was grey with a black central band containing four red lights. This rotated clockwise at 1 rps. She turned to go in to fetch others, changed her mind, saw it again and noticed the speed of rotation and the pitch of the buzz increase as it moved very fast away at an angle and blinked out.. (7904) Level A



77-306



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78-195



7902



7904

CLOSE ENCOUNTER ONE ACTIVITY

August 1974 03.30 Prenton, Merseyside Investigation: Brian Fishwick

Mrs Elsie Stewart awoke suddenly on a warm, humid summer night. For no reason she found herself walking to the window. Right in front of it, looking NW over the Wirral towards West Kirby, was a glowing 'cage' or 'balloon'. She became transfixed and hypnotised by its beauty. It had a base and a top and seemed to be made up of golden strands. It glowed with a transparent translucence and shimmered slightly. In size it was about 9-10 feet tall, 2-3 feet wide. There was nothing inside it. She wanted to call out (there was another person in the bedroom who was very ill at the time) but could not. Time seemed to stand still but it hovered for at least five minutes and then swooped off over the houses opposite, very fast. It glided smoothly..... CE 1 Psycho (7472) Level B



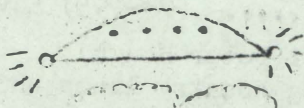
October 1975 18.00 Offerton, Gtr Manchester Investigation: Bryan Hartley

A young mother having tea suddenly found herself compelled to look outside. On the rooftop opposite was a dome with a flat bottom. There were four 'windows' in the top dome and two sets of four in the bottom part. It crawled along the rooftops to the edge and at this point flipped on edge, revealing a round underside. It was dark with orange/yellow lights. Estimated 15 - 20 feet wide and 7-8 feet high. It was only in view a matter of seconds and then went out suddenly like a light bulb. There was no sound. During the experience the witness was transfixed. She felt that she was compelled to see it..... CE 1 Psycho (75-157) Level C



September 26 1976 06.00 Irlam, Greater Manchester Inv: MUFORA (Jenny Randles)

A young woman contacted JR terrified that she was going to be 'abducted'. She had lived in fear for over two years bottling up her encounter. Going to the bathroom she had seen two bright orange/yellow searchlights rising from a clump of trees on the open mossland before her. She called her husband, and her daughter (11) came to see the latter part of the sighting. The object was a flat bottomed thin disc with the searchlights on each end. In between were four or five windows, yellow in colour. The disc was lead grey. It was seen to hover through binoculars and then move away over Sunningdale Drive, in and out of low cloud. It lit up the cloud from above. There was no sound. The woman felt a psycho-physiological sensation of being 'singled out' that was so acute during the sighting that she was terrified to hysteria. She has since had dreams of floating in space with unintelligible voices talking to her. She has a very psychic background, eg precognition... CE 1 Psycho (76-161) Level A



May 1978 21.30 Lymm, Cheshire Inv: MUFORA (Denise Layton, Jenny Randles & Ann Simpson)

The investigation of this case was coupled with a series of 'coincidences'. It was only at interview that we found that what had seemed a low interest case (but had curiously pressured all three of us to attend interview) was of more note. Also that the witness had numerous connections with both FSR and JR's publishers (Robert Hale). Witness is in fact the brother in law of Leonard Wilder (the renowned hypnotist and dental surgeon). He had become alerted to the fact that he was going to see something when driving a dark road, sun just setting. Slowing the car and eventually stopping three vivid green balls (tennis ball at arms length) separated by 100 diameters, flew across the sky silently one after the other. Then they just winked out (duration just a few seconds). The acute sensation vanished abruptly. Witness has a background of precognitive events and was an RAF pilot..... CE 1 Psycho (78-171) Level B

This issue contains 62 cases. Unknowns total 16 (= 25.5%)

Distribution: Northumbria (1), Durham (1), Cleveland (1), Cumbria (1), Lancs (6)
Merseyside (8), Gtr Manchester (4), Cheshire (4), N. Humber (1)
Lincs (1), Clwyd (3), Gwynedd (1), Powys (1), Salop (1),
Staffs (15), West Midlands (11), Warwickshire (2)